

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP 1648



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In re Application of:  
Xiang, et al.

Serial No.: 09/828,498

Filed: April 5, 2001

For: FULL-LENGTH GB VIRUS C  
(HEPATITIS G VIRUS) RNA  
TRANSCRIPTS ARE INFECTIOUS IN  
PRIMARY CD4 POSITIVE T CELLS  
AND METHODS OF TREATING HIV

Group Art Unit: 1648

Examiner: Winkler, Ulrike

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**I. AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116; AND II. RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**  
**DATED JUNE 17, 2003**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Commissioner:

Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered in the captioned patent application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.116. Applicants submit the following amendments to place the case in even better condition for allowance or appeal.

This paper is submitted in response to the final Office Action dated June 17, 2003, for which the two-month date after receipt of the final Office Action is August 18, 2003 (since August 17, 2003 fell on a weekend).

It is believed that no fee is due; however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. Account No.: 50-1212/10008943/GNS.

Reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.